

Today's News - Friday, May 18, 2007

A sad day: we lose two champions of historic preservation. – It's Melbourne vs. Sydney in big-picture city planning where culture shines. – Dallas opts for (mostly) starchitects for museum shortlist. – Nobel's not-so-glowing take on ICA (and some speculation on why starchitects' buildings seem to always get good reviews). – Copenhagen waterfront taking lessons from Amsterdam. – High hopes for Philadelphia's "hidden" riverfront. – Saffron x 2: New Urbanists land in Philly; and Rybczynski's new book "casts an unsentimental eye on New Urbanism and shows how market forces conspire against its admirable, progressive goals." – Condos next to chicken coops: new communities developing on/around working farms. – Brown's eco-towns won't be all that green. – Farrelly's take on the "mine's greener than yours is" rumble. – A Virginia county ponders requiring big-box stores to be better neighbors. – Boddy gives a thumbs-up to Vancouver's hybrid condos. – Hospitals in India taking healing architecture seriously. – Prize-winning house is a lesson for Edinburgh's planning committee. – Stellar projects win IALD International Lighting Design Awards. – Young architects win big in AIA Wisconsin Design Awards.

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[Obituary: Giorgio Cavaglieri, Urban Preservationist, 95: ...helped start and define the city's preservation movement... Jefferson Market Library in Greenwich Village...generally regarded as the first real instance of successful historic preservation in New York City.](#)- New York Times

[Obituary: Denis Kuhn, 65, Restored New York Landmarks...Not all projects look to the past.](#) -- Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects- New York Times

[Culture shines in city rivalries: The Victorian Government and the City of Melbourne are increasingly being seen as setting the creative benchmark, sparking Sydney's envy as Melbourne reaps 20 years of big-picture city planning that has encouraged innovative architecture...](#) -- Richard Florida; Elizabeth Farrelly- Brisbane Times (Australia)

[Finalists announced: Winner to design Museum of Science and History.](#) By David Dillon -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; Shigeru Ban; Polshek Partnership; Snøhetta; Ralph Appelbaum- Dallas Morning News

[Die Another Day: The cycle of codependence between critics and stars does a disservice to both public and profession alike...Here we go again. A celebrated firm...completes a long anticipated project...the building is not perfect. Architecture is hard — they'll do better next time. Right?](#) By Philip Nobel -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro- Metropolis Magazine

[Transplant Recipient: Copenhagen's waterfront gets new life with a planning infusion from Amsterdam.](#) By David Sokol -- Sjoerd Soeters; Jørgen Bach/Arkitema; Force4 [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[For the People: Restoring Philadelphia's 'Hidden' Schuylkill: "Other cities are celebrating their riverfronts, and that's what we're trying to do now."](#) -- Joseph Syrnick- Bloomberg News

[Architects visit their foes' citadel: New Urbanists...have arrived in Philadelphia for the annual Congress for the New Urbanism...have stormed the great citadel of Modernism: the PSFS Building...By Inga Saffron -- George Howe/William Lescaze \(1932\); Duany Plater-Zyberk-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Town in country - battling sprawl: "Last Harvest: How a Cornfield Became New Daleville" by Witold Rybczynski...casts an unsentimental eye on New Urbanism and shows how market forces conspire against its admirable, progressive goals.](#) By Inga Saffron [slide show]- Philadelphia Inquirer

[For Sale: Condo With Chicken Coop: Catering to Americans' desire to live "green," developers around the country are creating communities on or adjoining farms...\[not\] necessarily in the boondocks. Some are in suburbs or near cities.](#) [slide show]- Wall Street Journal

[Brown's 'eco new town' will fail green test: Northstowe to be 'nowhere near' zero carbon-](#) Building (UK)

[Quest for green, yet engaging, public building: ...the fact this "mine's greener than yours is" rumble is happening is a good sign...Sydney is crying for a comparable gesture: tangible proof that buildings can be seriously green and seriously engaging.](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly -- Richard Francis-Jones- Sydney Morning Herald

[Fairfax County Ponders Restrictions on Big-Box Stores: ...looking at making big-box stores build up instead of out, fit better into existing neighborhoods and leave less of a blemish on the environment -- and the eye.](#)- Washington Post

[An over-the-top restoration: Condo hybrids Vancouver's latest housing innovation ...bold contemporary condos discretely placed on top of restored historic buildings.](#) By Trevor Boddy -- Gair Williamson [images]- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Healing Architecture: More and more hospitals in India are realising the importance of healing architecture...The Three Ns...nature \(green plants\), natural light and natural air... -- HOSMAC; RRP Architects; Edifice \[images\]- Express Healthcare Management](#)

(India)

[House that council rejected twice by the city's planning board has won a major design award: "I think this serves as a lesson to them and it shows that we \[architects\] do know what we're doing." -- Richard Murphy \[image\]](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[24th Annual IALD International Lighting Design Award Winners Represent Best of Global Design Community: 20 Winners from 6 Countries \[images, links\]](#)- International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)

[Eminent design: A small, youthful team of architects from Milwaukee has won two of the top three 2007 Design Awards from AIA Wisconsin... By Whitney Gould -- Johnsen Schmaling Architects; AG Architecture; HGA; KEE Architecture; Zimmerman Architectural Studios; Potter Lawson; Kubala Washatko; Kahler Slater \[slide show\]](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



[Under Construction: Zaha Hadid Architects: Cagliari Contemporary Arts Centre, Cagliari, Italy](#)

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